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PRESS RELEASE

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December 11, 2013- Update

Killeen Police are investigating a crash that occurred on Trimmier Road after the driver was involved in a theft.

Officers received a 911 call at 2:50pm on Monday, November 25, 2013, in reference to a major crash where unknown injuries were reported in the area of Trimmier Road and East Central Texas Expressway. Upon the officer's arrival, they found a black Ford Taurus, a gray Ford Escape and a City of Killeen Dump truck in the 1000 block of Central Texas Expressway.

The preliminary investigation revealed the driver, a black male, of the Ford Taurus was involved in a theft at the Wal-Mart located at 1400 Lowes Blvd. Officers located the vehicle in the 2500 block of W.S. Young Drive and when they attempted to make contact with the driver, he evaded and a pursuit ensued. The suspect traveled northbound on W. S. Young Drive and made his way Westbound onto Central Texas Expressway at a high rate of speed. The driver then attempted to turn Northbound onto Trimmier Road where he failed to negotiate the turn causing the vehicle to collide with a City of Killeen Dump truck and a Ford Escape, occupied by two occupants. The two occupants of the Ford Focus were transported to the Carl R. Darnell Army Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries and the driver of the dump truck was unharmed. The suspect was transported to the Carl R. Darnell Army Medical Center with unknown injuries and subsequently transported to Scott & White Memorial Hospital.

On Tuesday, December 10, 2013, this case was reviewed by the Bell County District Attorney's Office and a complaint was returned charging Ronnie Lee Tanner with Evading Arrest in a Motor Vehicle. On December 10, 2013, Tanner was arrested for a warrant charging him with Theft and he was also charged with the Evading Arrest in a Motor Vehicle. On Wednesday, December 11, 2013, Tanner was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Garland Potvin who set his bonds at \$5,000 for the Theft charge and \$50,000 for the Evading charge. He is currently in the Killeen City Jail but he will be transferred to the Bell County Jail later today.

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